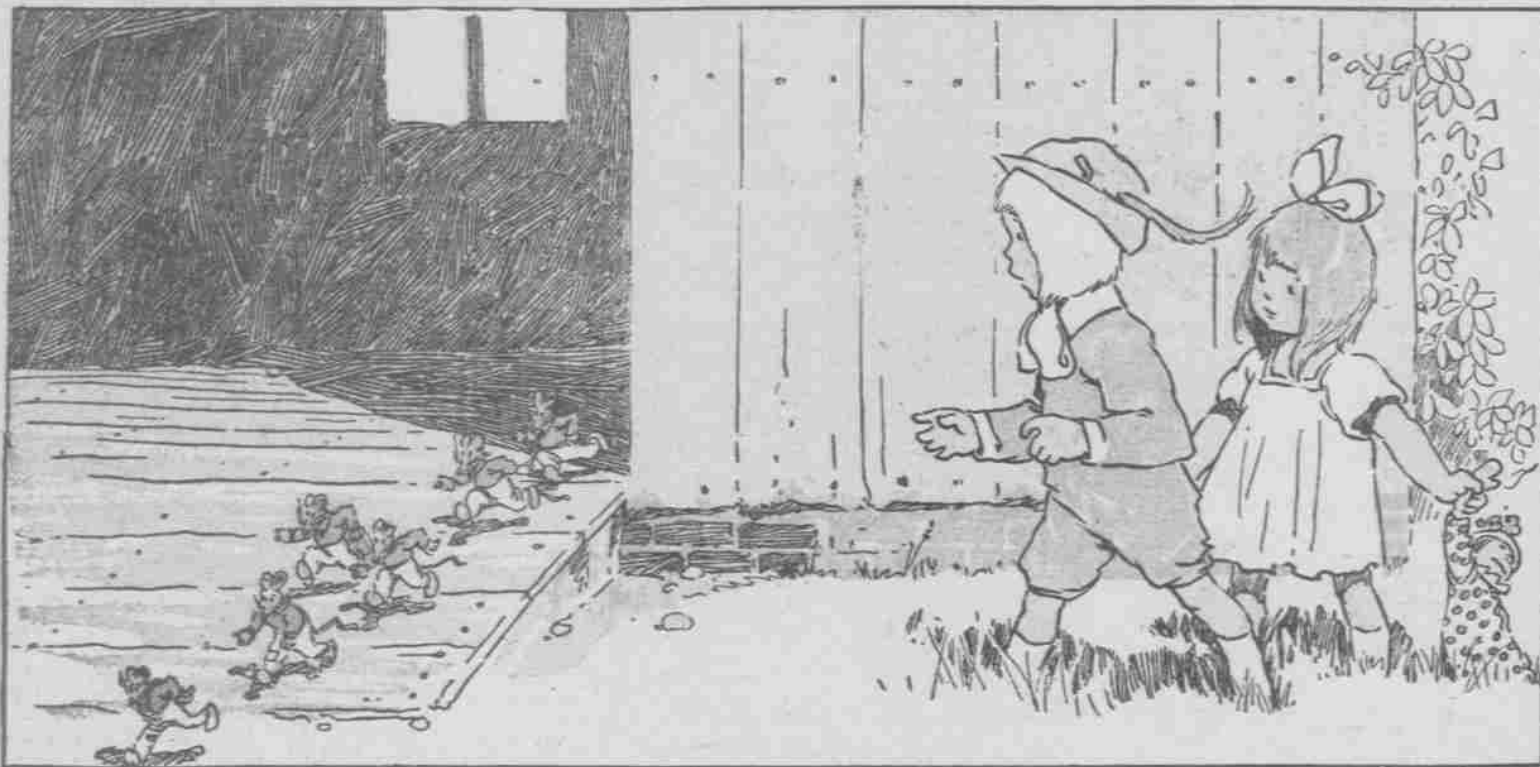
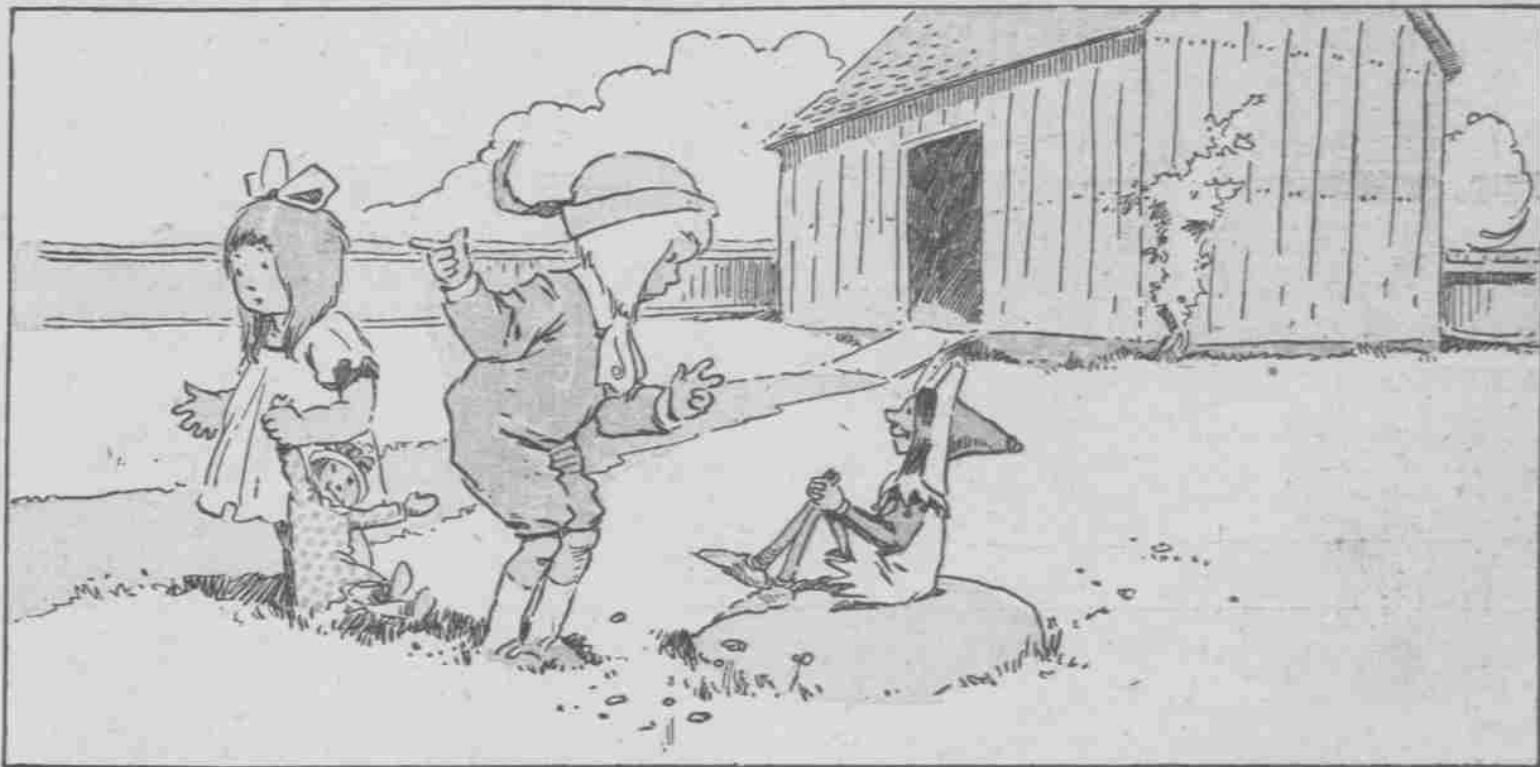




MR. TWEE DEEDLE.



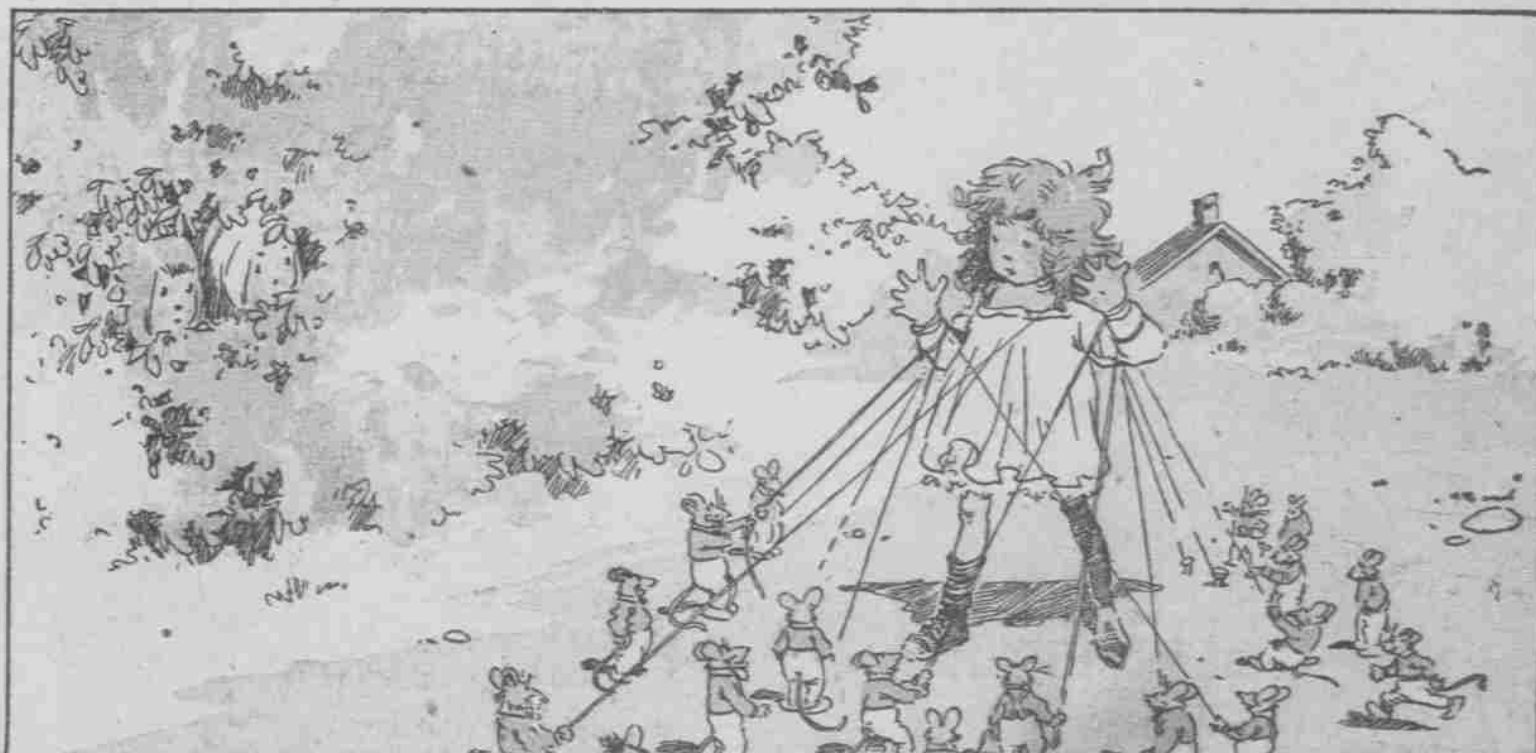
1—One day, as Dickie and Dolly were passing the barn door, they were surprised to see lots of rats come running out. "Wonder what can be the matter!" Dolly exclaimed.



2—The children came across Mr. Twee Deedle near by and asked if he had seen the rats. "Yes," he told them; "I saw them, and if you care to go we will find out just what they are up to."



3—So the children followed Mr. Twee Deedle until they came to some thick bushes. "We must be real quiet!" cautioned Mr. Twee Deedle, "for the rats may hear us and run away!"



4—There was an opening in the bushes through which the children could see. There were the rats and they had tied strings to a little girl and were dancing all around her.



5—The rats finally pulled upon the strings until the little girl sat upon the ground. Then some of them clambered up her arms and on her head. They pulled a can of glue up and mixed it with her hair, so that it was all tangles.



6—When the rats had finished tangling the little girl's hair they cut the strings and let her run away. "After this you had better let your Manana comb your hair if you do not wish us to make nests in it!" they shouted after her.



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7—When Mr. Twee Deedle and Dickie left the bushes Dolly was nowhere in sight. So they walked to Dickie's home to see if she had gone there.



8—When Mr. Twee Deedle and Dickie peeped through the window they saw Dolly getting her hair combed. "After this," they heard her say, "I want you to comb my hair every morning before I go out to play, because I do not wish the rats to make their nests in my hair."

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